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**January 6, 2004**  
**Marine Fisheries Advisory**

**SUMMER FLOUNDER LIMIT TO INCREASE TO 2,500 POUNDS ON  
JANUARY 9, 2004**

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Consistent with the regulation 322 CMR 6.22, that allocates 30% of the annual Massachusetts commercial summer flounder (fluke) quota to the winter-spring fishery (January 1 – April 22) the summer flounder (fluke) trip limit is increased from 1,000 to 2,500 pounds of fluke caught with nets when less than 75% of the period quota has been reached. Monitoring and analysis of previous years' landings show that total landings during this period have fallen far short of the 30% target, thus the trip limit is increased to allow fishermen their full quota allocation as allowed under current state regulations. This increase will go into effect on Friday, January 9, 2004. Comments may be mailed (DMF; 251 Causeway St. Suite 400; Boston, MA 02114), faxed (617. 626.1509) or emailed ([Melanie.griffin@state.ma.us](mailto:Melanie.griffin@state.ma.us)) until 5PM on Friday, February 20, 2004.

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